# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

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RE INTRODUCTION OF CHEETAH
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) the progress made in the project relating to re-introduction of Cheetah in the country;

(b) the funds earmarked for the project;

(c) whether Government has identified any potential sites suitable for protection and conservation of Cheetah; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the suitability of Nauradehi wildlife sanctuary for the same?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) An assessment of potential sites for reintroducing the Cheetah in India has been done through the Wildlife Institute of India, in collaboration with the Wildlife Trust of India, which, interalia, includes the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary of Madhya Pradesh. A Task Force for reintroduction of Cheetah in India has been constituted for developing a roadmap with detailed ecorestoration plans for potential sites, sourcing of the species and undertaking further scientific work relating to reintroduction. Action has been taken for providing funding support to the said initiative. The States having the potential sites (Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan) have been addressed, and 'in-principle' agreement has been received from Madhya Pradesh. However, the matter is subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.